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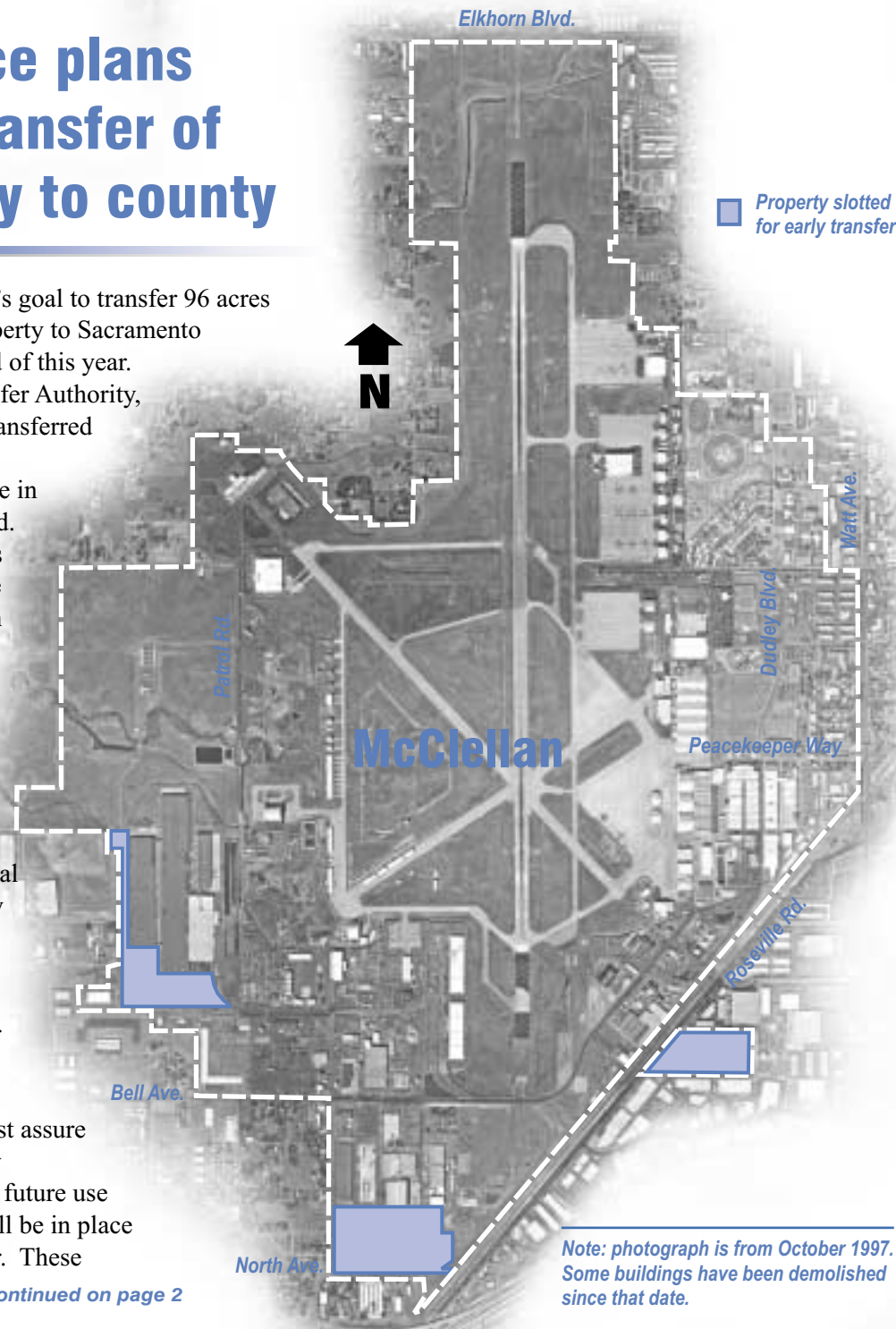
A Quarterly Newsletter About Environmental Activities at McClellan

Air Force plans early transfer of property to county

It is the Air Force's goal to transfer 96 acres of McClellan property to Sacramento County by the end of this year. Using Early Transfer Authority, property can be transferred by deed before all cleanup actions are in place or completed. Air Force officials at McClellan have mapped out a plan to guide how these cleanup strategies will be chosen for the contaminated sites within the property. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the state of California must approve the plan before the transfer can occur.

The Air Force must assure that any necessary restrictions on the future use of the property will be in place before the transfer. These

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restrictions will continue to ensure the protection of human health and the environment during cleanup. All of the property targeted for this first early transfer is already leased by businesses and will continue to be used for industrial, warehouse and commercial activities after the transfer occurs.

The public will have the opportunity to comment on the draft of the transfer document called the Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer. The contamination status of the property, potential risks and required restrictions are documented in the Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer. The assurances to reduce or eliminate the risk are in the document as well. The U.S. EPA Administrator and the Governor of California must approve the Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer.

The regulatory agencies are also requiring that a cleanup record of decision be completed before the early transfer takes place. A record of decision is the legally binding document that defines the cleanup strategies for the site. Before a record of decision is drafted, a plan describing the cleanup alternatives and strategies is developed. No final decisions are made until the public has an opportunity to comment on the alternatives and strategies for the proposed plan. Once the public's concerns and comments are considered, the record of decision is signed by the Air Force, the U.S. EPA, California State Department of Toxic Substances Control and the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

The public will be notified of these opportunities to comment. Notices will be placed in the newspaper, mailed to individuals on the mailing list, and placed on McClellan's environmental cleanup Web site. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Dawn Young at (916) 643-1742 ext. 233 or email dawn.young@afropa.pentagon.af.mil. ■

Five-year review of cleanup activities underway for McClellan, Davis Sites

The Air Force has begun its second five-year review of cleanup activities at the former McClellan Air Force Base and its first five-year review of McClellan's former global communications site in Davis. The review of cleanup remedies in place ensures the cleanup continues to protect people and the environment. The report is scheduled to be completed by April 2004.

"This review is a valuable tool for us because it does a cross check of our cleanup actions to date, and lets us and the community know if our program is protective of public health and the environment," said Paul Brunner, BRAC Environmental Coordinator. "Issues that are identified, if any, will be made high priority and fixed as soon as possible."

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The review includes conducting site inspections, considering community concerns, reviewing documents and carrying out critical analyses of the remedies currently in place. The report will also provide recommendations to ensure protectiveness. The report is then submitted to the regulatory agencies for their analyses. The last five-year review, conducted in 1999, found McClellan's cleanup program to be protective of human health and the environment.

Once the five-year review is finalized, it will become available to the public at the Information Repository. ■

McClellan signs first record of decision

Another milestone in the McClellan Cleanup Program was achieved February 10 with the signing of the No Action for Soil Contamination at 6 Sites Record of Decision (see map for site locations). This is the first record of decision signed at the former McClellan Air Force Base.

A record of decision is a legally binding document that explains cleanup requirements, if any, for a site. The No Action for Soil Contamination at 6 Sites Record of Decision states that no cleanup action is required. Investigation found no contamination that poses a risk to human health or the environment above regulatory standards in the soil at these

sites. The Air Force, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control signed the document.

“A lot of time and energy from the regulators, Air Force personnel and the public went into getting this record of decision completed on time,” said Paul Brunner, BRAC Coordinator. “It is a step forward in the cleanup of the base.”

This record of decision applies only to soil at these sites; it does not apply to groundwater, which will be handled in a separate action.

The document produced prior to the record of decision was the Proposed Plan of No Action for Soil Contamination at 6 Sites. The proposed plan presented the recommendation that no cleanup action would be needed for soil at the six sites. This plan was published in the fall of 2002. The public was invited to review and comment on the plan.

Public comments, along with the Air Force’s responses, are available for viewing in the responsiveness summary included in the record of decision (available to the public at the Information Repository). ■

Meet the RAB

Terri Brewster replaces Kevin Spesert as the Restoration Advisory Board member representing Congressman Doug Ose’s constituents.



Brewster has been a field representative for Congressman Ose since 1999. Brewster is involved with issues in the Citrus Heights, Antelope, Rio Linda and North Highlands areas.

She was raised in Woodland and served two years in the U.S. Navy. She earned a degree in Political Science at the University of California at Davis in 2001.

Brewster can be contacted at (916) 489-3684. ■

McClellan Environmental Remedial Scoreboard

As of January 1, 2003:

1,156,617

Pounds of volatile organic compound contamination removed from soil and groundwater.

If you would like someone to speak at your organization about McClellan’s environmental cleanup efforts, please contact Dawn Young at (916) 643-1742 extension 233.



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The **Environmental Action Update** is a publication of the Air Force Real Property Agency (AFRPA) at McClellan, California, designed to keep the public informed of environmental activities at the base. For questions, comments, or to be added to the mailing list, please write to AFRPA/DD-McClellan, 3411 Olson Street, McClellan, CA 95652-1003 or phone (916) 643-1742 ext. 233.

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The Air Force continues to excavate the Confirmed Site 10 disposal pit. Drums and their contents from the site are still being removed and sent to approved disposal facilities. As of the end of November 2002, workers began staging and monitoring the soil inside the tent due to funding constraints. As funding becomes available, the contaminated soil will be shipped off to an approved disposal facility as well.